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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/089,097

Applicants: Tomohiro ONDA, et al.

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For: BODY FAT MEASURING METHOD AND DEVICE
THEREFOR

Group Art Unit: 3736

Examiner: WINAKUR, ERIC FRANK

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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The "Statement of Reasons for Allowance" included at page of 2-3 of the Notice of Allowance states:

none of the prior art teaches or suggests a method or apparatus for computing fat quantities including any of the following, in combination with the other claimed steps or elements: use of a measured value to determine a subcutaneous fat thickness; correction of a first voltage (measured between two closely spaced, circumferentially located electrodes) by a second voltage (measured with current passed substantially crossing the subject), with computation of a subcutaneous fat quantity based on the corrected voltage; computation of a fat quantity based on a measured spatial potential gradient; computing a ratio of a crossed-sectional area of body fat to a cross-section area of the subject; multiplying a measured voltage by a power (related to size of the subject) and computing a fat quantity based on the product; or determining a visceral fat quantity based on measured first and second voltages.

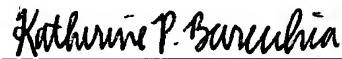
Applicants note that the "correction of a first voltage (measured between two closely spaced, circumferentially located electrodes) by a second voltage (measured with current passed substantially crossing the subject)" is not recited in the independent claims.

Additionally, Applicants note that "multiplying a measured voltage by a power (related to size of the subject)" is not recited in the independent claims.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that a revised Statement of Reasons for Allowance be issued without reference to subject matter not recited in the claims.

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